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1. For the first time in recent Paraguayan history there is now an armed unit in the capital possibly capable of challenging the supremacy of the 1st Cavalry Division. The Security Battalion of the Asuncion Capital Police now numbers approximately 1100 officers and men, or almost twice the size of the old battalion. The group has been divided into two units, Security Battalion #1 and Security Battalion #2, quartered separately - #1 next to the Central Police barracks and #2 with the Transit Police. Both units are under the command of Captain Julio Saldivar, whose rank is equivalent to that of a chief of a division and whose orders come directly from the Chief of Police or the Minister of the Interior only.
2. Training and discipline in the enlarged Security Battalion is almost the best in the country. At first many of the conscripts threatened to revolt when subjected to the unaccustomed severity.

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